



Co Roscommon

16th Feb. 2015

Dear Minister

I welcome your decision to set a commission to review the local electoral areas boundaries.

I trust that the commission will examine the geography and demographics of each local electoral area in order to achieve cohesive electoral areas that are local.

In Co Roscommon there are 3 electoral areas each returning 6 members.

The areas are Athlone Roscommon & Boyle

In my opinion greater cohesion could be achieved by the following scenario
Athlone 5 members Roscommon 5 members

Castlerea Ballaghadereen 4 members

and Boyle / STRANBROOK 4 members.

The present Boyle area is as large in area as half the Co Louth.

The Boyle area & the Roscommon area are both more than 64 kms in length i.e. FROM West and in Boyle it is more than 40 km North to South. As the last review took into account District Electoral Divisions it

resulted in some polling booths being divided e.g. TULSK where $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Polling Station area is in Boyle and $\frac{1}{3}$ in the Roscommon Electoral Area

In my opinion it should be possible
to achieve what ~~is~~ I have stated above
by e.g. transferring 1000 electors from
Athlone to Roscommon and adding 2,500 to 3,000
to the Boyle Area and dividing it into the
Areas of Boyle / Strokestown and Castlecaulagh /
The geography and demography of the
County allows for that and I trust
that the Commission will consider it.

Local Electoral Area VOTERS in 2014

Athlone 14,632

Boyle 17,475

Roscommon 16,724.

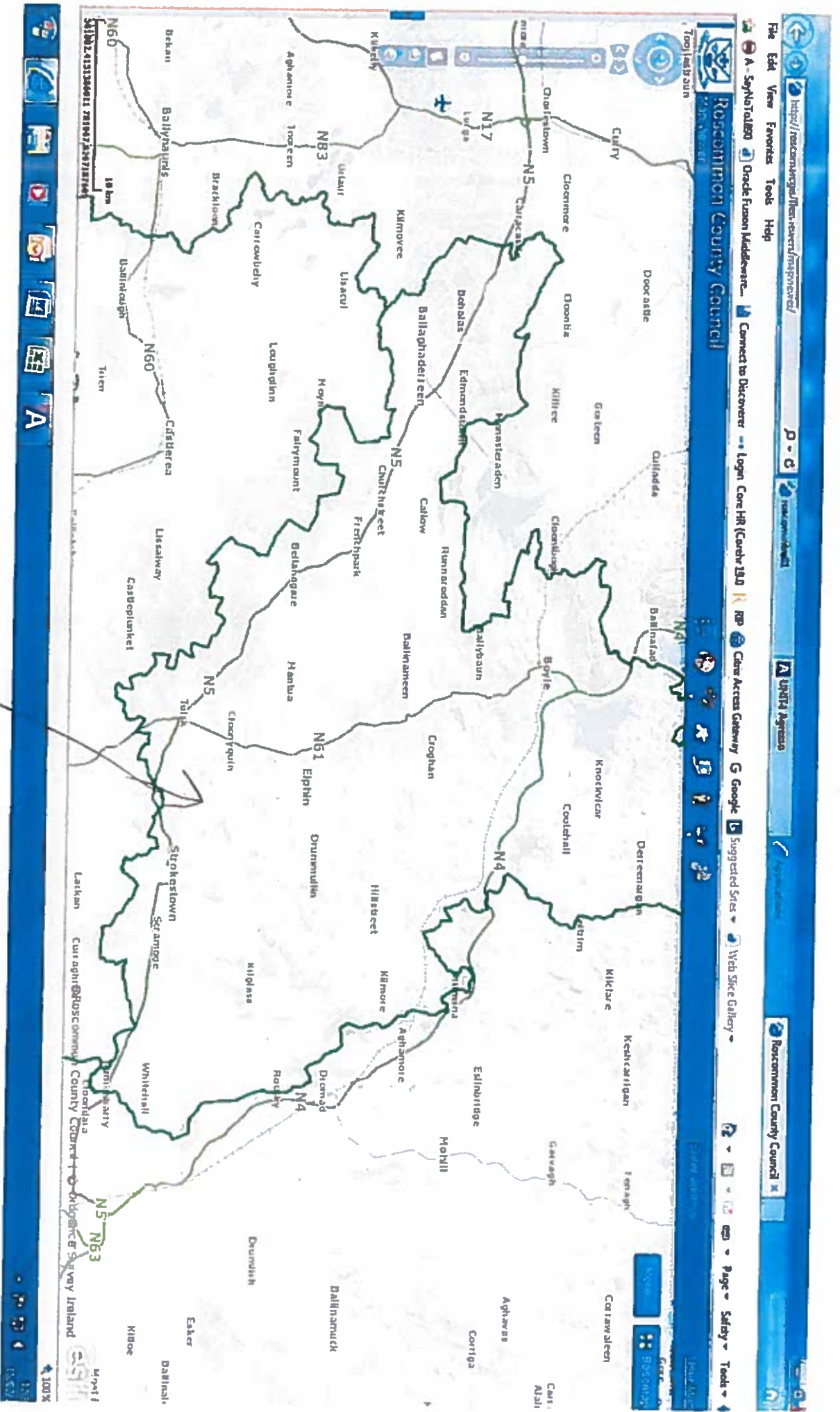
Thanking you

I remain

Yours sincerely



Elected Member from 1985 - 2014.



BOYLE MUNICIPAL AREA.

